

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 72

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Denver Donald Bates of Lebanon.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Denver Donald Bates; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bates was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Denver Bates served with acumen and alacrity as a real estate broker and auctioneer, in which positions he earned the respect of his peers and customers alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late Denver Ralston Bates and Lois Ashe Bates, Mr. Bates was a native of the Saulsbury community of Wilson County and a 1960 graduate of Lebanon High School; and

WHEREAS, following his high school graduation, he attended and graduated from both Cumberland University and Middle Tennessee State University; a standout baseball player in his youth, Mr. Bates coached baseball and taught at Mt. Juliet High School for seven years before founding his own real estate business; and

WHEREAS, as the owner of Denver Bates and Associates, Real Estate and Auction Company, he served as a leader in the local real estate industry for thirty-three years; and

WHEREAS, Denver Bates rendered sterling service in the respected position of President of the Wilson County Association of Realtors in both 1997 and in 2001 was presented with the Association's Lifetime Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bates was a member of the Saulsbury Baptist Church for many years; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of forty-three years, Helen Denney Bates, and was the proud father of Sonya Hampton and Brian Donald Bates; and

WHEREAS, Denver Bates will also be sorely missed by his granddaughter, Evelyn Marie Hampton, and his brother, David Earl Bates; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bates leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Denver Donald Bates, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Bates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.